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20 Killed in Raid on Cuba, Exiles Report

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MIAMI, Oct. 10 — Alpha 66 raiders struck a fishing port on the north coast of Cuba where Russian "technicians" have been disembarking and killed "20 of the enemy," a spokesman for the exile group said here today.

The raiders reportedly hit Isabela de Sagua and dynamited a railroad station and military warehouse guarded by the Soviets.

The strike came from the sea just after midnight Monday and has not been confirmed by Cuban authorities.

Alpha 66 said its commandos pulled out two hours later with some injuries but no fatalities.

Four other strategic points at Isabela were blown up, the group reported. They said captured arms and flags will be brought back as proof.

Military Plan

Alpha 66 is a military plan conceived by an exile group to liberate Cuba. The group claims no political aspirations and its members remain anonymous.

Isabela is in Las Villas Province about six miles inland from Sagua la Grande, a city of some 50,000 in an area of central Cuba where large concentrations of Russian technicians or troops have been reported.

The railroad station which Alpha claims it destroyed linked Sagua la Grande with the port.

Sagua la Grande has sugar mills and a foundry which in the past made replacement parts for refineries.

Las Villas Province also is regarded as a major area of internal resistance, and the strike was calculated to give the underground a lift.

Second of Six

This was the second of Alpha 66's six planned attacks against Cuba and was called Operation Antonieta.

The first—called Operation Ponce—came Sept. 10 in the ocean 40 miles to the east off the port of Caibarien, the other major port in the Las Villas Province.

Cuban shipping. A raiding boat fired on the British freighter Newlane, the Cuban freighter San Blas and the Cuban floating refrigeration warehouse San Pascual.

Cuba did not officially acknowledge that attack until two days later.

The origin of both strikes was not revealed, but neither was believed to have come from the U. S. mainland.

Prisoner Deal

"We hope this does not affect the deal for the invasion prisoners," an Alpha man said. "And we do not think it will. Castro will always find an excuse to do whatever he wants."

[Meanwhile, in Havana, the Armed Forces Ministry ac-

cused a U. S. jet fighter of firing nine rockets into Cuban territory west of the U. S. Naval base at Guantanamo, the Associated Press reported.

[A communique said the rockets were fired at 9 a. m. yesterday over a populated zone near Matabajo, but there were no casualties.]

[A Havana Radio broadcast heard in Key West, Fla., said the rockets were of a type used in Air Force practices.]

Prisoners' Release

Delayed by Talks

HAVANA, Oct. 10 (UPI) — New York attorney James B. Donovan's efforts to complete negotiations for the release of the 1113 Cuban invasion

prisoners bogged down tonight and two or three more meetings with Premier Fidel Castro will be necessary, it was announced.

Berta Barreto, liaison representative of the Cuban Families Committee, said that "the negotiations did not end today as expected and will last two or three more meetings before a few details must be revised."

She did not elaborate on the statement, issued after Donovan and Castro talked for nearly four and a half hours tonight at the Presidential Palace in a conference that had been expected to wind up the negotiations.

Earlier today in a telephone talk with his New York office Donovan said he was "highly optimistic" that the release deal would be carried out.

Donovan has been here for a week on his third trip this year to arrange the prisoners' release.

A meeting between Donovan and Castro that was scheduled yesterday was called off when Castro went to meet President Osvaldo Dorticos on his return to Havana from the United Nations.

Castro has been demanding \$63 million in ransom for the invasion captives, but it is believed that Donovan has persuaded him to accept medicine instead of cash.